to this part of the question However, the case would appear to be covered by the first sentence of the reply to part (a) above.

Hearing on Punjab situation by the U.S. State Department

1162. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Asian and Pacific Sub-Committee of the United States, State Department is holding hearings on the situation in Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Governments reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government of India have formally approched the U.S. State Department in this regard; and

(d) if so, the stand of the Government of India and U.S. State Department on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) Government are aware that the Sub-Committee on Asia and Pacific Affairs of the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee proposes to hold hearings during which a number of subjects including the situation in Punjab, are likely to be discussed.

(c) and (d) Government have lodged a strong protest with the U.S. Government against any such hearing taking place on a matter which is strictly a domestic affair of India.

Infiltration of Foreigners into Poonch Rajouri sector of Jammu and Kashmir

1163. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any infiltration into the Poonch-Rajouri Sector of Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistanis of any other foreign elements from across the international border during the past six months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any illegal arms and ammunitions have recently been recovered in the said sector of the State;

(d) if so, what is the quantity and other details thereof;

(e) whether any of such arms and ammunitions so recovered bore some foreign countries markings;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to prevent any further infiltration of foreigners, arms and ammunitions from across the border there?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) According to our information, some Pakistani national infiltrated into Poonch-Rajouri Sector during the past six months.

(c) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (f) It is not in public interest to give exact details.

(g) The security agencies exercise proper vigilance in the area.

Indo-Norwegian agreement for funding projects of the Himalayan-Institute of environment and development and Wild life Institute of India

1164. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has recently been signed by Governments of India and Norway for providing funds for specific projects of the Himalayan Institute of Environment and Development and Wildlife Institute of India;

(b) if so ,what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) No, Sir. But arising out of bilateral discussions such proposals have been initiated.

(b) Does not arise.